

**Local Finance Board
Local Government Ethics Law
November 13, 2024
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Chairperson. Nicholas Bennett, Executive Secretary, stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, C.10:4-6 et seq., proper notice was given to the Secretary of State, the *Star-Ledger* and the *Times of Trenton*. A roll call was taken: 5 members were present: Chairperson Suárez, William Close, Alan Avery, Idida Rodriguez, and Robert Jackson were present. Dominick DiRocco was absent. There are two vacancies. A quorum was present. Also present were DAG Craig Keiser and staff members Shannon Hudak, Matthew Marthaler, Cherie Saranin, and Gina Picciano.

At 9:06 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Ms. Rodriguez to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints, requests for advisory opinions, and to receive related legal advice. A roll call vote was taken: 5 affirmatives. Motion passed.

At 10:57 a.m., a motion was made by Ms. Suárez and second by Mr. Jackson to go into open session. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

The Local Finance Board then determined to take a brief recess and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. to consider financing applications and to take action on the following Ethics items:

Concerning the matter of B.1. October 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Close to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.2. A motion was made by Mr. Avery and second by Mr. Jackson to issue a Notice of Determination to one (1) Local Government Officer (LGO) dismissing the claim for no longer having a reasonable factual basis due to the accused having passed away. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to adopt the settlement of C18-023, a matter that had been transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law as a contested case. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

Concerning the Matter of B.4. A motion was made by Mr. Close and second by Mr. Avery to rescind the Notice of Violation issued to five (5) individuals due to roster errors and to waive the fine for nineteen (19) individuals who had requested an administrative hearing following the receipt of a Notice of Violation for failing to timely file the 2024 FDS. A roll call was taken: 4 affirmatives. Ms. Rodriguez's vote was not recorded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N Bennett", written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas Bennett
Executive Secretary
Local Finance Board